

Circular

The Stewards of the Historic Assemblies have thought it their duty to arrange the order of the amusements for the evening of the **Fancy Ball**, that the greatest effect may be given to the Costumes, with as little interference as possible with the enjoyment of those who may choose Plain Dress. Though the original plan of the Assemblies may be considered to have contemplated an exclusively Fancy Ball, the stewards feel that there are some Ladies and Gentlemen who should not be compelled to assume a Fancy Costume on the occasion. They have consequently adopted the Rule on the subject which will be found below, as the least open to objection of any general classification which could be devised; but they trust that the majority of the privileged class, will not avail themselves of the exemption it affords them.

The following are the Rules passed at a meeting of Stewards held this day:

1. No Unmarried Lady or Gentleman will be admitted in Plain Dress.
2. Uniforms, robes of office, and the like, will be considered Fancy Dress.
3. The Stage and dancing floor will be reserved for costumes until Eleven o'clock, or until after the Costume Quadrille has been danced.
4. If a Costume Quadrille be formed, the floor will be appropriated to it alone, for one dance, at Eleven o'clock, precisely, and notice must be given of its formation to the Secretary, one week previous to the day fixed for the Ball. There being ample room for two or more Costume Quadrilles, the Stewards submit that their formation would much enhance the effect of the Fancy Dresses.
5. All persons coming in Fancy Dress are requested to endorse on their Cards of Invitation the character they assume.
6. The theatricals will terminate at Nine o'clock, instead of Ten, and Dancing will commence immediately. The Stage will be open to Plain Dresses at Eleven, or immediately after the Costume Quadrille, and Supper will be served at Twelve.

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